Katyani River Research Centre, West Bengal

1897. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a Committee in the year 1990 to activate the performances of Kalyani River Research Centre, West Bengal;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) what steps have been taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir. The Government of West Bengal in the Irrigation and Waterways Department constituted a Committee for modernization of the Kalyani River Research Institute in November 1990.

(b) The Committee submitted its recommendations in November 1991. The major recommendations are as follows: —

(i) The present promotion policy to be modified.

(ii) The recruitment qualifications of Laboratory Assistant be raised and nomenclature of the post be changed.

(iii) The name of Senior Observer, Silt Surveyor, Silt Analyst be* designated as Senior Scientific Assistant-

(iv) The recruitment qualifications for the post of Research Assistant be raised.

(v) Sanctioned post of Assistant Research Officer be converted to post of Research Officer.

(vi) Post of Joint Director be created.

(vii) The rank and pay of the post of Director be raised to that of Chief Engineer.

(viii) For the research staff and officers of the River Research Institute, a constituted service be created.

(ix) One post each of Administrative Officer, Librarian and of Assistant Librarian and a few lower posts should be created.

(x) Water supply arrangement for Outdoor models at the Central Laboratory at Haringhata be restored.

(xi) Old and Obsolete scientific instruments/equipments be replaced by modern equipments/instruments, electronic equipments be added.

(xii) Annual grant for purchase of books and journals be increased.

(xiii) Watch and Ward system be re-oriented.

(xiv) Uninterrupted power supply to be ensured.

(xv) A floating cadre of engineering officers be maintained in the River Research Institute.

(xvi) Adequate incentives for Research Personnel.

(xvii) Additional powers be given to the Director.

(xviii) A standing research advisory committee be formed,

(xix) Unused land of the Institute should be utilised and unauthorised occupation be removed.

(c) The report of the committee and its recommendations are under examination of the Government of West Begal in the I & W Department.